



## CITY OF VICTORIA

# PROCLAMATION

### **“PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS MONTH”**

- WHEREAS** *Pregnancy and Infant Loss is such a common occurrence, one that is usually not recognized; and*
- WHEREAS** *1 in 4 families will experience pregnancy and / or infant loss as a result of miscarriage, stillbirth, preterm birth, Termination for Medical reasons (TFMR), Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), accident, or other causes or complications; and*
- WHEREAS** *The City of Victoria wishes to acknowledge the profound grief experienced by families who suffer pregnancy and infant loss; and*
- WHEREAS** *the month of October is recognized in parts of Canada and many other jurisdictions around the world, as a time of remembrance and awareness of pregnancy and infant loss; and*
- WHEREAS** *increased awareness of the causes and impacts surrounding pregnancy and infant loss may lead to greater understanding, support and resources in communities across the City of Victoria; and*
- WHEREAS** *promoting awareness of the challenges faced by both those parents and families is a positive means of establishing support and understanding; and*
- WHEREAS** *recognizing Pregnancy and Infant Awareness Month would enable the people of Victoria to consider how, as individuals and communities, they can meet the needs of bereaved mothers, fathers, and family members, and work to prevent the causes of these deaths.*

**NOW, THEREFORE** *I do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2022 as “**PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS MONTH**” on the **HOMELANDS** of the Lekwungen speaking **SONGHEES AND ESQUIMALT PEOPLE** in the **CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY** of the **PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA**.*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

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**LISA HELPS**  
**MAYOR**  
**CITY OF VICTORIA**  
**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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